

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Leah Joann Braun's dedication to service has made her a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Braun has devoted 22 years of her life to the service of her state and country, and she has made a positive impact on the Soldiers of the South Dakota National Guard as a Chaplains Assistant. Her work with Strong Bonds has led to hundreds of service members and their families in improving their communication and relational skills. She also played a key role as the State Suicide Prevention Program Manager and has helped educate service members and give them the necessary tools to deal with suicide awareness, prevention, and the maintenance of mental health; and,

Whereas, Her loyalty and leadership have made her a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Braun continues to give of herself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Leah Joann Braun for 22 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis. M Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2012; as

MASTER SERGEANT LEAH JOANN BRAUN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with her family and friends in wishing her well in her retirement and thanking her for her service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State